



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd October, 2021

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Sunday, 3 rd October Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Nailou, Coulai & Kuluma Cosme Ximens, A Fatima, A Henrique & F Resquita</i>
Monday, 4 th October <i>Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass 11.00 am Requiem Mass	<i>The People of the Parish Pamela Campbell</i>
Tuesday, 5 th October <i>Op. Mem. of St. Faustina Kowalska</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Ruth & Joel Da Cunha</i>
Wednesday, 6 th October <i>Op. Memorial of St. Bruno, Priest</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>Pawan (Birthday)</i>
Thursday, 7 th October <i>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Tom (Thanksgiving)</i>
Friday, 8 th October	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Pedro & Verediana Fernandes</i>
Saturday, 9 th October <i>Feast of St. John Henry Newman</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 10 th October Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year <i>Prisons Week</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Bisose & Nacisio de Almeida Joe Duarte RIP</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

If you are here with us for the first time today, welcome. If you are returning to Mass after a period of time away because of the pandemic, welcome back! It is lovely to see you again today. If you are a new student at Oxford or Oxford Brookes University, welcome to Oxford and to our parish. Welcome too to returning students whose digs this year are in our parish. We would love you to make your home with us during your time at university.

Prayer at the end of Mass:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Funeral. At 11.00 am tomorrow, Monday, we shall celebrate a Requiem Mass here in Sacred Heart for Pamela Campbell. May she rest in peace.

Please pray for Domenico Mirto and all those we know who are sick. If you are ill and you would like to ask for prayers on this newsletter, please let me know.

Mass at Home. We are no longer streaming the Sunday morning Mass from Sacred Heart on Zoom. Alternatively, you could watch the Mass on Saturday, 5.30 pm, and/or Sunday, 11.00 am from Our Lady's where we are now live and can be viewed at <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>.

Here is a prayer, **an Act of Spiritual Communion**, which you can say as you watch a Livestream Mass:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You."

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Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Barbara Rank, Brian Harper, Doreen Watkins, Pamela Campbell, Deacon Michael McGrail**, and all who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur at this time: Canon Tony Piercy, Frs. John Nightingale, John Danaher, Percival Styche, John Bullen, Philip Casey, John Fitzpatrick, Thomas Power, Deacon Patrick Selwood, and also Nelly McLoughlin, John Doherty, Catherine Doherty. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Gift Aid Donors. There are still envelopes that gift aid donors have not picked up yet. It is essential that you use your envelopes for your offertory, otherwise we cannot claim the tax back on your weekly offerings. Secondly, we need to know if you are no longer paying tax, so that we can take you off our records. If you have moved house in the past 2 years, we need an up-to-date address for you. **We need this information as soon as possible so that we can send in our claim for the year 2020/21.**

We would like to encourage all taxpayers, who do not at present gift aid their offerings to the church, to consider doing so, please. For more information or to sign up for gift aiding, contact Sally McVeigh on 01865 779078.



Baptisms: Parents, if you have been delaying arranging your child's Baptism because of Covid you can now ask me and we can welcome your child properly into the family of the Church.

Weddings. The same can be said about the Sacrament of Matrimony. We can now make plans, so please come and have a chat with me.

CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day. Did you remember to give up something last Friday for the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day? Well, it's not too late if you forgot. You can always put some money into the envelope today and then fast tomorrow! The money that we give will help CAFOD in their work among people who do not have a choice about whether they go hungry. Thank you.

At the 9.00 Mass this morning Rachel Breward will say a few words to us about what our contributions to CAFOD mean.

Vacancy for a Headteacher. The Archdiocese of Birmingham in partnership with The Pope Francis Catholic Multi Academy Company wish to appoint a Headteacher for Blessed George Napier School in Banbury for Easter 2022 start or January, if available. For further information and to apply, please use this link: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/bgn-oxon/>

Your Parish Needs YOU!! Please join in.

Thank you to those who have returned their yellow leaflets. Please ask yourself if you would like to be part of the re-awakening of our parish and fill in the leaflet and leave it in the basket on the table.

This year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral is now full so if you haven't already booked, please join online via the Cathedral Website livestream (www.stchadscathedral.org.uk). Next Saturday, 9th October, at noon, celebrated by Bishop David Evans.

The Assisted Dying Bill, 2021 and a Novena asking for the prayers of Pope John Paul II.

The Assisted Dying Bill is due to receive its Second Reading in the House of Commons, with full debate, on Friday, 22nd October, 2021. This means legalised assisted suicide and it is not something that, as Catholics, we should simply allow to come to pass. There will be a national novena asking for the intercession of St John Paul II. **It will run from 13th-22nd October.** Bishop John Sherrington has said: 'Jesus told his disciples to pray at all times and not lose heart. Providentially the discussion of Baroness Meacher's Bill in the House of Lords falls on the feast of St John Paul II on 22nd October. The novena, asking the intercession of St. John Paul II, who spoke courageously about the infinite worth of each human person and witnessed to the cross in his final illness, calls upon Catholics and all who share our view that assisted suicide is wrong, to pray with perseverance that this Bill will be defeated. St. John Paul II, pray for us.'

The Novena Prayer:

Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be....

CATHOLICISM MADE SIMPLE

We began a series of talks last Monday at Our Lady's, Hollow Way, intended to help people who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith, either to seek Baptism or reception into the Church or simply to reinforce their understanding. If you missed it last week you can still join this Monday, at 7.00 pm in the Don Bosco Centre. This week we shall explore the Bible. All welcome.

Tailpiece: Last week I gave you a question to think about: *when Our Lord was crucified there was a notice over His head written in Latin, Greek and Hebrew. Where or when could you come across a combination of those three languages today?* It certainly got you talking and I had many clever answers given to me, but the answer I was looking for was at Mass when it is celebrated in Latin; as well as Latin there is Greek (*Kyrie eleison*) and Hebrew (*Alleluia!* and *Hosanna!*). Congratulations to the clever parishioner who rushed in to see me with the right answer.

May God bless you and all those you love.

Fr. Harry